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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5 and Title 71, relative to an internet website for the TennCare program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 71-5-191. To the extent permitted by federal law, the bureau of TennCare shall maintain a secure site on the internet that lists all enrollees in the TennCare program. The site shall permit only licensed health care providers who possess a Medicaid provider number and who agree to be bound by confidentiality restrictions of federal and state law as specifically identified by the bureau of TennCare to access identifying information concerning TennCare enrollees. Such access is limited to the name of the enrollee and such other information as the commissioner of health identifies as permitted by law in rules promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 5. When an enrollee seeks care from a provider who has access to the site pursuant to this act, the provider may access the enrollee's information on the site for appropriate information on the enrollee's status.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504(a)(1), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subdivision:

The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the list maintained by the website required by Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. The commissioner of health is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.